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## DEAD STILL BEING TAKEN FROM WRECK

Accident at Washington One of the Most Disastrous in the History of American Railroading

Washington, Dec. 31.—The total number of the dead in the rear-end collision on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Terra Cotta, D. C., three miles from Washington, last night, is estimated this morning at about forty, and of the injured at fifty.

The wreck was caused by an engine drawing eight empty passenger cars running into the local train known as the Frederick express just as the latter train pulled into the station bound for this city. Engineer Hilderbrandt, who had charge of the "dead" train, and who was arrested, declared that on account of the dense fog he was unable to distinguish the signal light near the Terra Cotta tower.

The operator declares that the danger signal was in the proper place, and that Hilderbrandt's train past the tower station at the rate of fifty miles an hour.

Hundreds of persons visited the morgue last night and this morning to assist in identifying the eight unknown bodies there. Most the victims were residents of Washington and its suburbs.

Five members of the crew of the train that caused the wreck have been placed under arrest. The officials of the road are unable to fix the responsibility, but have begun an investigation for the purpose of doing so, if possible.

The scene where the wreck occurred is sickening. Bodies were hurled to sides, and it was not until after midnight that all the dead were collected. Residents of Terra Cotta gathered promptly and began the work of removing the dead and rescuing the injured, many of whom were wedged

between the wreckage, and many of whom died before they could be extricated.

Many heroic and self-sacrificing actions were performed. The citizens living near the wreck opened their homes to the wounded after the great crash. Police and citizens are still taking bodies from the great pile of wreckage, which is strewn for a quarter of a mile along the track. Several bodies were ground into a pulp.

As the injured were being taken from the debris, and while physicians were giving all the relief possible, Catholic priests were administering the last rites to the dying.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 31.—The list of dead as result of appalling Baltimore and Ohio wreck last night had reached 40 at seven o'clock this forenoon. Inquiries at various hospitals show condition of number injured is regarded as hopeless. Injured number over 50.

Late this afternoon the number of dead in Baltimore & Ohio wreck had reached 53.

### Habeas Corpus Proceedings

Kansas City, Dec. 31.—Arguments were begun in the United States district court here today in habeas corpus proceedings instituted by attorneys Mrs. Aggie Myers under sentence to hang January 10 for the murder of her husband. The prisoner was not brought into court.

## REVOLTING CRIME MR. HENDERSON

Two Young Fullbloods Charged With the Rape of Little Girls

Deputy Marshal J. F. Long and A. J. Long of Tahlequah, came in this morning with two young fullbloods, Dave Blackwood and Sam Spade, charged with rape. The complainants are two fullblood girls, Kayyo and Chanarse Threkiller, sisters, aged respectively thirteen and fifteen years. They charge that on the night of December 21, as they were returning to their home near Christie from the home of Dave Youngbolt, a neighbor, Blackwood and Spade overtook them and carried them off by force, keeping them from home all night.

The Railroad Promoter Spent Yesterday in this City.

J. E. Henderson, the promoter of the Vinita & Western railroad, was in the city yesterday, consulting with Seymour Riddle, Oliver Bagby and others. Mr. Henderson, of course, refused to give out anything for publication, and the other gentlemen also said they had nothing for the papers.

It is known, however, that Mr. Henderson is still working on his project, and that he still has hopes of securing some one to finance it. Several miles of the roadbed were constructed north from Vinita, several miles of right of way were condemned and paid for. Mr. Henderson, of course, is unwilling to loose this investment, which amounts to about \$25,000, if he can possibly save it. The present is not a very good season for financing railroads, and there is very little building of new lines, except by established companies, especially those in the northwest.

No word has yet been received from Coffeyville as to when the railroad committee from that town will be in Vinita but it is expected here the latter part of the week. Work on the survey of the Arkansas & Oklahoma Northeastern from Caney, Kan., to the southeast is being prosecuted.

Miss Stella Perkins has returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. G. Rice east of the city.

The congregation of the Presbyterian church held a meeting Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. It was decided to call Rev. George Fulcher of Pennsylvania as pastor, the vote being unanimous.

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## STREET CAR ACCIDENT

Cincinnati, Dec. 31.—Fred Guasel, who was injured yesterday in the street car accident, died during the night, making the second death. Several of the 30 passengers injured are in a critical condition.

## TWO MEN ARE UNDER ARREST

Astoria, Kan., Dec. 31.—A posse that for several days has been hunting two alleged murderers of Marshal Frisbie of Lamar, Col., today located the second man under the floor of the school house here. One of the men surrendered here yesterday after barricading himself in the school house and exchanging shots with his pursuers.

### To The Penitentiary

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 22.—State Senator F. O. Butt, recently sentenced to two years for bribery, arrived here today to surrender himself to the penitentiary officials. Before leaving home, at Eureka, yesterday Mr. Butt, was given a reception by his fellow citizens.

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**WARNING ORDER.**  
In the United States District Court at Vinita, in the Northern District of the Indian Territory.  
Cornelia J. Coffman, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Coy H. Coffman, Defendant.  
No. 2398.  
The defendant, Coy H. Coffman, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Cornelia J. Coffman.  
December 22, 1906.  
Chas. A. Davidson, Clerk,  
E. B. Davidson, Deputy.  
Chas. B. Rogers, Attorney for Plaintiff.  
Gaylord N. Rebout, Attorney for Non-Resident Defendant.

In extending the compliments of the season The Chieftain wishes you a happy New Year and a bountiful harvest during 1907.

### The Pace of Admiralty.

It is reported that Japan will see the Dreadnaught and go Great Britain 3,000 tons better, laying down a battleship of 23,000 tons service displacement. Of course the mistress of the seas will not ignore the challenge, and we must prepare to hear of a British battleship of 26,000 tons. The Japanese, being a proud and progressive people, will not sit still, and may be counted on to push the building mark on their side up to 29,000 tons. By that time our own big ship enthusiasts will wake up and the taxpayers will be invited to contribute the cash for a floating fortress of 33,000 tons. So does the race for naval supremacy go, the mind of the competing world being at present fixed upon displacement as if there was no other factor to be taken into account.—Boston Transcript.

### Cause for Tears.

They were speaking of the fashionable wedding.  
"And she was the last daughter," remarked one.  
"Yes," added the other, "and they always said she was the cream of the family."  
"And after the ceremony the parents wept. I wonder what they were crying about?"  
"Oh, perhaps they were crying over split milk."

## HAMON CHAIRMAN OF UNITED COMMITTEES

Republicans at McAlester Have Harmonious Meeting And Begin the Work of Reorganization

The Oklahoma City Post contains the following account of the meeting of the Republican executive committees of the two territories at McAlester Saturday. The report makes one mistake, however, and that is in declaring that the Soper-Flynn crowd had the backing of court officials from Vinita. At least, if it had this backing, it was not from those Vinitans present at Saturday's meeting.

The Republican central committees of Oklahoma and Indian Territory met in this city this afternoon, amalgamated and elected a new set of officers.

The election gives the chairmanship of the amalgamated committee to Oklahoma in the person of J. H. Hamon of Lawton, the vice chairman is Grant Victor of Afton; secretary, A. O. Wells of Ardmore; treasurer, W. S. McWilliams of Miami, I. T., and the assistant secretary, Vernon Whiting of Enid.

Early in the day a Soper-Flynn combination supported by court officials of Vinita and Muskogee, was formed to elect George A. Murphy of Muskogee, chairman. This fight came near sacrificing Judge W. H. Clayton's chances for the federal judgeship of the eastern district but his friends succeeded in holding the Oklahoma in the person of J. L. Hamon.

The sensation of the day was caused

when a libelous and anonymous circular attacking the private life of Geo. A. Murphy, was distributed among the delegates. Mr. Murphy in a speech on the floor denounced the circular attack and declared that he well knew the source from which they came.

Henry E. Asp was invited to address the meeting and closed his speech by making a motion that a committee of fifteen prominent party workers be selected to formulate a general plan of organization the same to be reported back to the next meeting of the executive committee.

After quite a spirited debate the motion was adopted.

The committee was not named by Chairman Hamon.

Charles Hunter of Oklahoma City, attacked the constitutional convention and declared that the blunders of the Democrats should be properly exposed. He advocated a Republican press bureau to be established at Guthrie. A motion to this effect was adopted. Quite a liberal campaign fund was raised.

Among the notable present were Gov. Frantz, Ex-Gov. Barnes, Dennis Flynn, Cash Cade, William Grimes and Judges Clayton and Gill of the Indian Territory.

Flynn left early after he saw that there was no chance of defeating Hamon. Pliny Soper, who also supported the insurgent candidate Murphy of Muskogee, was greatly disturbed at the outcome.

# The Fair

E. W. STRYKER.

Wishing You All a very  
Prosperous and Happy  
New Year.

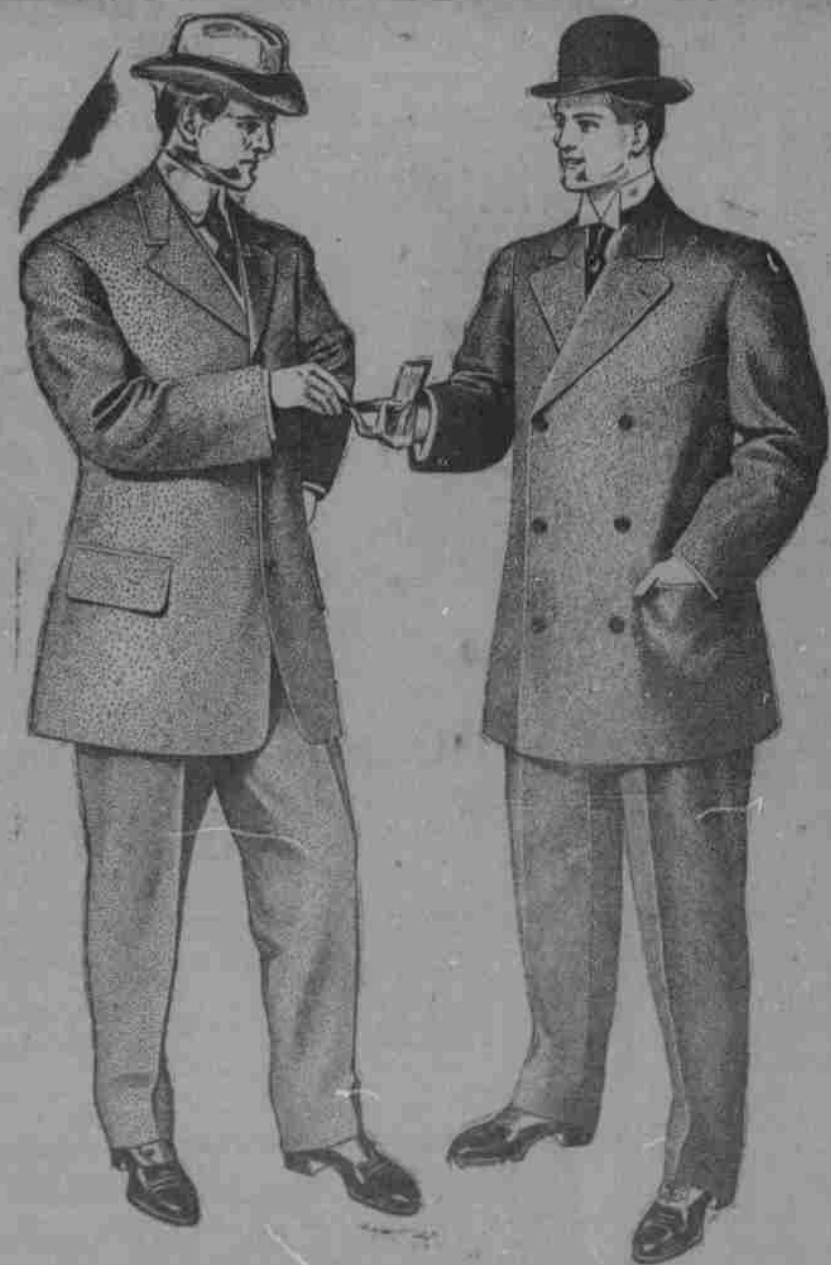
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